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In re the Application of

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Application No.: 10/525,230

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For: **METHOD FOR PROTECTING A MOTOR
VEHICLE COMPONENT AGAINST
MANIPULATION IN A CONTROL
DEVICE, AND CONTROL DEVICE**

COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Patent Office communication of June 13, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-9 in the subject application, in view of the following comments.

The objective of the claimed invention is to protect against manipulation of a device which functions to control the operation of a device of a vehicle such as an engine control device or a transmission control device. Such objective is achieved by dividing the code for operating the control device into at least one preferably one-time programmable master code stored in a first memory and at least one reprogrammable sub-code stored in a second memory, in which the master code monitors the manipulation of the sub-code. If the sub-code is properly reprogrammed, the control device may be operated. If not, the control device may not be operated.